

THE HERALD'S PAGE FOR EVERY WOMAN

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PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNHAPPY MARRIAGES

Although They Know that Their Children Are Practically Certain to Marry, They Do Nothing to Fit Them for It.

By DOROTHY DIX.

A young woman, who comes from a rich and socially prominent family, and whose husband is suing her for divorce, makes this pathetic plea for herself. She says:

"Nobody ever taught me anything about duties or responsibilities or self-control. I had an allowance of \$50 a month for pin money, and I spent it all and more. Nobody held me accountable for it. If I had been taught differently, if I had known even that one value of money I would have been able to manage the value of other matters, and perhaps I wouldn't be sued and suing for a divorce now."

This hapless young creature, who has made havoc of her life before she is twenty-one, has probed through her own and experience to the very heart of the divorce problem.

Learned sociologists and high-browed novelists puzzle their wits over why marriage is a failure, and why there is so much divorce. This girl has answered the question. It is because parents don't train their children for marriage. They don't teach them anything about its trials, its difficulties, its hardships.

Parents Most Surprised.

They feel an ignorant, untaught, un-disciplined boy and girl plunge into an experience for which they are totally un-prepared, and then when the young creatures come to grief, who are so surprised as their parents? Yet they might as well be astonished at a man who has never seen salt water, and knows nothing of navigation, running the Lusitania on the rocks if he attempted to pilot her across the Atlantic.

In the vast majority of cases it is the parents who are responsible for the unhappy marriages in the world. It is the parents who are the first aids to divorce. Because although they know that their children are practically certain to marry, they do nothing to fit them for it.

From the time a girl is born she is taught directly or indirectly, to look forward to being married as the career most desirable for a woman. But her mother never teaches her that marriage is the hardest of all the things to be done with the most difficulties, the one that requires the most self-restraint and skill to fill worthily.

On the contrary, she is led to believe that it is a sort of fairyland, in which she will live on chocolate cream, and do nothing but listen to her husband chanting her praises. What marvel, then, when she plunges into the real world of matrimony and finds out that it means hard work, and poverty, and a husband who is grumpy and unattractive, that she lacks the strength to endure it?

Who ever hears of a mother teaching her daughter a sense of responsibility because some day that girl is going to marry, and the welfare of her husband and children will depend upon her? Or preparation of her duty to them and to the community?

Who ever hears of a mother teaching her daughter to use money wisely because some day the girl will be married, and her husband's prosperity will depend upon her thrift and economy?

Who ever hears of a mother teaching her daughter tact and diplomacy, because some day the girl will marry and she will need the finesse of a Talleyrand in petticoats to handle a husband and get along with him in peace?

Unprepared for Matrimony.

Who ever hears of a mother saying to her daughter: "My dear, you must learn to control your temper and your tongue, because some day you will be married, and your happiness and your family will depend upon your ability to bite back the angry words, and return a soft answer under provocation that would vex a saint?"

Is it any true that the average girl who marries has never had the handling of any money, that she has been petted and indulged and spoiled; that she has been taught that the most important things on earth are clothes and dresses; that she has been taught that everybody and everything must minister to her pleasure? Isn't it true that the majority of girls marry without even having been taught the elements of housekeeping, or how to make a comfortable home?

And as for boys, isn't it true that not one thing is taught them about what they must do to be good husbands? Isn't it true that a boy is raised up with a little idea of his responsibilities in marriage as if marriage was something that was as unlikely to happen to him as being struck by lightning?

Do you ever hear of a father teaching his son that he must be gentle and tender to women, because some time he will marry and his wife's happiness will depend on his attitude toward her?

Do you ever hear of a father teaching his son that it is a terrible responsibility for a man to separate a girl from her home and family and to take her life into his hands, and that before a man does that he should be very sure that he can make good to her for all that she gives up for him?

Do you ever hear a father tell his son what a cowardly and despicable act a man is who abuses his wife and swears at her because she is too weak to knock him down for the things he says to her?

Fathers Also to Blame.

Do you ever see a father pointing out to his son what a man can make his wife suffer through his stinginess, his vices, his lack of understanding and sympathy?

Never. His parents do not hold themselves responsible for the kind of husband their son makes, nor for the subsequent divorce if he is a bad one. Yet ninety-nine times out of a hundred they could have saved the catastrophe if they had tried to.

There is no other thought in the world more appalling than that parents could stop domestic misery if only they would raise up their children with the idea of becoming good husbands and wives, and that they don't do it.

ing and odoriferous wash day should have remained as long as it last, that led to a campaign of national advertising to set the situation before the women of the country who are not in the 20 per cent, and they assert that when milk adds up all the expenses of the old-fashioned, domestic way she will find it economy to make the change, to say nothing of the elimination of all annoyances and of methods the sanitary qualities of which can be questioned.

Novel Prizes.

The women who can make delicious bonbons in her own kitchen dish need not worry about acceptable prizes for her afternoon bridge party. At an occasion of this kind, this winter, the prizes were three boxes of homemade candy, two pound, round, and half pound boxes being used for first, second, and third prizes. The candies were daintily packed in oiled and lace paper and the boxes were tied up with ribbons. On top of the lace mat in each box was an envelope containing recipes for the goodie's bonbons. At another card party were given lavender bags for perfume, wardrobes and linen closets. These bags were of lavender china silk and measured seven inches each way. They were made in envelope style, with a flap fastening under a loop and button, so that the perfumed cotton inside could be renewed when desired.

Weighting a Skirt.

Lead weights are inclosed within strips of tape to sew to the under side of the hem on satin and cashmere evening gowns.

They are purchased in this convenient form, which will save much trouble in the covering of the separate leads. These strips are made of black or white cotton tape, and are intended to be covered with a false hem of the desired material before they are sewn to the under side of the hem.

If you have been too generous in the use of salt in seasoning a soup, add a raw potato or two and simmer till the potato is tender; then remove the potato or press through a sieve.

CHARMING SUMMER GOWN.



The lingerie gowns shown for Southern wear suggest charming designs for summer dresses later on. Embroidered flouncing will be tremendously popular this summer, as will the use of velvet ribbon, both of which are attractively used on gowns illustrated above. This frock is of lingerie material and embroidery, but the design is also good for heavier fabrics, chiffon taffeta, for example, in which case heavy lace or embroidered chiffon might be used for the unique overdress.

A POEM THAT HAS HELPED

Editor's Note.—Every woman is invited to send me a copy of the poem nearest and dearest to her heart—the little verse that has given her fresh courage in some dark hour, renewed her hope, and uplifted her spirit. It does not matter how obscure the verse, so long as the thought contained in it is uplifting. The heart-throb poems sent for this series will be published as fast as space permits, and will furnish every woman who clips and saves them a collection she could obtain under no one book cover. In copying your favorite poem for the series, please write only on one side of the paper.

THE SONG OF THE SPARROW.

(Published by request.)

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."—(Luke xii:5-7.)

I'm only a little sparrow,
A bird of low degree,
My life is of little value,
But the dear Lord cares for me.

He gives me a coat of feathers—
It is very plain I know,
Without a speck of crimson,
For it was not made for show.

But it keeps me warm in winter,
And it shields me from the rain;
Were it bordered with gold and purple,
Perhaps it would make me vain.

And when the spring time cometh,
I will build me a little nest,
With many a chirp of pleasure,
In the spot I love the best.

I have no barn or storehouse,
I neither sow nor reap;
God gives me a sparrow's portion,
And never a seed to keep.

If my meat is sometimes scanty,
Close pecking makes it sweet;
I have always enough to feed me,
And life is more than meat.

Embroidered Scarf.

Wide sash ribbon is the base; a yard and a half the length. This will tie an ample bow after going round the crown of a little girl's spring hat.

The ends may be embroidered in huge coin spots after the circle has been marked, or you may even baste over the ribbon a tissue paper facing to be torn away when the work is done.

An end of handsome ribbon will accommodate six to eight embroidered spots as big as a dollar mark.

Pad the spaces well and do the solid work evenly. Make a choice of some rich peacock coloring like green upon blue or, again, white upon black, according to the child's clothes.

CHARMING SUMMER GOWN.

FADS AND FANCIES OF THE MOMENT

Seen Here and There in the Shops.

Fascinating new collars have straight stocks and wide frills joining the edge of the collar.

Separate blouses of navy blue crepe de chine are relieved by revers and collars of white satin.

Quillings of chiffon and iridescent ribbon edge pockets and outline the lining of this season's wraps.

Pearls and their imitation hold fast to their popularity, and will go through the spring in great favor.

The black velvet coat over the white gown is one of the characteristic belongings, one might say, to this particular season.

Latest advices from abroad proclaim the extreme modishness of paucy shades, from the lightest to the dark, rich purples and a hint of ruby.

Smart little tailored costumes in snowy white whorls, beautifully braided, or white serges, also braided, are ready for the Southern season.

A smart hat of cerise taffeta is made effective by a facing of black velvet, a bunch of tiny roses placed on the brim forms the only trimming.

The skin shape so much in evidence in gowns is out in little for neckpieces that cross over the front as quaintly as the lace flangings of a matinee.

For the evening the hat trimmed with flowers may be worn, but hats trimmed with alpacas or feathers are more effective, and certainly more popular.

Lace yokes, three-quarter sleeves and trimmings of two kinds of laces, sheer and heavy, are the especial points of distinction about new lingerie blouses.

Flats of old gold mesh, jewel sprinkled with pearls, crystals or colored beads, give a note of magnificence, yet preserve the simple lines of the culture.

MEALS FOR A DAY.

BREAKFAST.
Sliced Oranges and Bananas.
Sausages, Griddle Cakes.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Rabbit, Hammy.
Caramel Custards.

DINNER.
Noodle Soup.
Cold Roast Lamb.
Mint and also Brown Sauce.
Potato Croquettes.
Apparagus with Mayonnaise.
Cottage Pudding, Foamy Sauce.
Coffee.

Potato Croquettes.

Beat the yolks of two eggs light and add to two cups of mashed potatoes. Mix well. Add one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, four tablespoonfuls of cream, a very little onion juice, salt and pepper to taste. Stir together in a sauté pan over the fire until the potato is heated through and, sticking together, comes away from the side of the pan when stirred. Cool, make into croquette-shaped croquettes, cover with egg and breadcrumbs and fry in deep hot fat.

When croquettes are to be fried, certain points are to be noted. In the first place, the egg called for always means whites and not yolks. Yolks have sufficient albumen to make a grease-proof covering, but they have also so much fat in themselves that they will not make so dry and crisp a covering as the whites alone. The egg is put over the croquette mixture because the albumen coagulates as quickly as it is submerged into the hot fat, thus protecting the mixture from cooking by the grease and breaking to pieces. It is economy to use the white of one egg, which should be beaten slightly and mixed with sufficient cold water to make a thin covering only. This not alone makes a better and more delicate croquette, but the egg goes further.

Breadcrumbs are specified because they make a better covering than cracker crumbs.

To fry means to immerse in hot fat. To saute means to brown first on one side, then on the other; and in the majority of cases it is better to fry than to saute things. The fat should be tried for its temperature, and the best test is to use a small piece of bread. If it browns quickly, the fat is ready for frying already cooked articles, such as croquettes, etc. If it browns more slowly, then it is ready for frying raw articles, such as doughnuts, etc. With some fats, to be smoking hot means that they are too hot for frying, and the person cooking should learn to test the fat properly. When the fat is too hot the article burns; when too cool, it becomes greasy and soaked before frying and often breaks to pieces.

NEW STYLE LOVE SONG FOR WOMEN

What appears to be the oddest song yet written by Alfred Solman, the author of "If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live," is the ballad just out, called "Mine." It is set to music in five different keys and has thirty different harmonic effects. Here is an extract of the chorus clipped from a sheet of the music just received:

"Mine"

By ALFRED SOLMAN

Mine when the dawn is break—leg.

Mine... in my dream at night—

Mine... when the birds are wake—leg.

Mine when the stars are bright;—

At moments of love—Love, Love, Love.

The copyright of this song was bought last week by Joseph Morris, a Philadelphia man, for \$15,000, the largest sum ever paid for a piece of music.

Still, at a dime a copy, wholesale, he expects to double his risky outlay. The song seems to have been written chiefly to develop the voice.

The few copies that reached Washington yesterday were eagerly seized by the fair sex.

Cap Strings.

The careful mother always makes several pairs of strings for baby's cap. These she hems at their unfinished ends after their embroidered ends are worked. They are not sewed to cap, but are pinned to its sides with small gold, safety pins, so that they are removable after each wearing. In no other way may the baby be kept immaculate.

Fringe on Hats.

Fringe—maroon silk fringe—is used to edge a new straw hat and, very softening it is to the face. The bows and ribbons, which are the sole trimming, are also edged with the same narrow fringe.

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New little details of finish are—the inside pockets, finished at the top with fine pleatings of the lining satin; little crocheted ring eyes for invisible hook fastenings; and in some suits an inside strap to hold the coat loosely together across the bust.

The styles are mainly the latest side effects; some trimmed models, others perfectly plain, with the exception of the handsome buttons.

Materials are two-tone whipcords, firm, soft, and rich looking; in gray and white, tan and white, blue and white; also solid grays, tans, blues, and black, the colors most women are demanding, are all to be found in this lot. Besides these, there are many chic styles in men's wear serges. The linings are of fine quality satins. All sizes; misses', 16 to 18; women's, 34 to 44 bust sizes.

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THE FIGHT FOR EQUAL FRANCHISE CONTINUES

The Kentucky senate, by a vote of 24 to 11, has passed the bill granting school suffrage to women. The measure had previously passed the lower house by a large majority.

A cable just received from England says: "The greatest success ever achieved at an English election by women was at Birmingham March 18, when of twelve women nominated for members of the board of poor law guardians eleven were elected."

The Ohio woman suffrage campaign is now well under way. The State president, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, reports that the election will probably be set for July or August. In which event, Ohio women must be very busy in the Presidential election next November.

The records show that in Columbus, Ohio, twelve women pay taxes on nearly \$100,000 worth of property. In Toledo women in twelve wards pay taxes on \$120,000, and in one county 20,000 women pay taxes on real estate.

The New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association is conducting a campaign of education in the public schools by offering prizes for the best essays on equal suffrage.

At Port Arthur, Canada, the city council last week passed a resolution approving of votes for married women with property qualifications the same as widows and spinsters.

The first Wisconsin Men's Equal Suffrage League was organized in Milwaukee last week by Prof. Max Eastman, secretary of the New York Men's League for Woman Suffrage.

The Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association reports that two thousand new names have been added to its membership during the past two months.

The Liberal party of British Columbia, in convention at Vancouver early this month, adopted a platform including woman suffrage.

Indian women who are supporting the equal suffrage movement are making a

determined effort to secure the insertion of a woman's franchise plank in the State platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties.

In Holland it is predicted that within a very short time women will exercise the same franchise privileges as men, and that voting on the part of everyone will be compulsory.

Germany has a female population of 2,000,000, and recent statistics show that 2,000,000 are earning their living outside the home, notwithstanding the Emperor's "Kinder, Kirche, Kuche" ideal.

Kansas men have organized a Men's League for Woman Suffrage and will take an active part in the campaign now in progress. W. H. Carruth, vice-chancellor of the University of Kansas, has been elected president of the society.

Finland has sixteen women members of Parliament, representing all classes of society. Among them are teachers, writers, editors, seamstresses, doctors of philosophy, social workers, titled women, and wives of peasants, mechanics and professional men.

The Congressional hearings on woman suffrage at the Capitol on March 13 were led by Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, president National Woman Suffrage Association, and Miss Jane Adams, of Hull House, Chicago. In a conference with the President, Miss Adams said: "If the United States intends that women should continue the humanitarian efforts with which she has been identified since the world began, the ballot should be given her."

The Los Angeles Herald says: "The example which California is affording the world of the benefits of woman suffrage is most illustrious. It argues much of opposition to it. We are glad it is so. We take pride in saying so."

In ancient France the right to vote was not given to a person, but was the inherent right of property, to be exercised by the person of either sex who administered that property. In France to-day there is a nation-wide sentiment in favor of extending the franchise to women on the same terms as men.

HOW A WOMAN CHANGED DIRTY MARKET CONDITIONS

A woman lived in a town where the grocery stores and meat markets were about as carelessly conducted, with regard to cleanliness, as they are in the average place.

She determined to change things, and whenever she went to one of the stores she politely asked the clerk to put waxed paper, or any other kind of paper, on the scales before weighing delicate articles, and explained why.

Of course he grudgingly complied, but he complied. Then the women told her friends and neighbors how nice it was that at so-and-so's store things were weighed in this cleanly way. Of course when the store found that they were getting new customers through what seemed to them the most trifling kind of an act they adopted it as a rule.

Naturally the other stores heard about it and followed suit, and now this little town is known far and wide as a clean marketing place. The baker's clerk no longer handles bread with his hands, but with a piece of waxed paper; quarters of meat have disappeared from the hooks outside and inside, and are kept in the refrigerator; candies and cakes are kept under glass, and business of all kinds in that town has jumped 50 per cent in one year. It is always astonishing how far-reaching may be the simple effort.

Quilling for Hats.

Some very beautiful quillings for children's hats can be made more successfully by hand than by machine.

They require a quantity of ribbon, velvet or ribbon (more of the latter, because it is less heavy), but the simple mushroom shape will mean no further expense for trimming. Your inch-wide ribbon will work up well into a saucy-looking hat decoration when the two ends that depend from the back, after the quilling is packed to the hat, are each passed through a jet or metal slide.

The Down Quilt.

Two shades of plain silk for two sides of a down quilt is the harmonious cover demanded by the expert decorator for use in a bedroom already rich in blues and greens. When the wall paper is the voice, even stilling figured in design, these plain colors will be a welcome relief to the eye.

SUEDE AND STEEL

A gray suede bag shaped like a fleur-de-lis is most attractive in its unique design, which does not interfere with the outline of the bag, and the heading differs from that usually seen, in that it is done with large instead of small beads.

They measure about an eighth of an inch in diameter and are cut steel. They are used to bring out a pattern on the bag and also to outline its edges, and at the same time to sew the two sides of the bag together.

Rinse out the dish towels after every using, and there will never be danger of glasses being rimmed when wiped.

DANGERS OF FAT

HOW FAT AFFECTS THE HEART

Fatty Degeneration of the heart is a danger to all fat people. An excess of fat around the heart not only interferes with its movements, but gradually a substance of the organ. The pulse becomes weaker; excitement or extra exertion causes throbbing in the throat and temples; the breath is short and gaspy. When these symptoms come to the man or woman who is too fat, steps should be taken to remove the excess fat, not only from the suffocated heart, but from other parts of the body where it makes its unwelcome appearance. Many so-called fat reducers are dangerous to the fatty heart, placing upon it an added burden by stimulating it to action. There is but one sure, harmless fat reducer known, the now famous Marmola Prescription of a Detroit physician, and its more convenient form, Marmola Prescription Tablets. By means of these harmless little tablets, thousands of overweight people have surely and safely reduced their weight at the rate of 10 to 15 lbs. a day without exercise or dieting.

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